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KC MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ROLE IN CRACK COCAINE CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to his role in a crack cocaine conspiracy.

Anthony S. Murphy, 33, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning.

By pleading guilty, **Murphy** admitted that he conspired to distribute between 50 and 150 grams of crack cocaine between Nov. 2 and 3, 2004.

Murphy is the second co-defendant to plead guilty in this case.

On Jan. 1, 2005, **Mark E. Bowman**, 45, of Kansas City, also pleaded guilty to his role in the conspiracy. Additionally, **Bowman** admitted that he was in possession of a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime. **Bowman** admitted that he was in possession of a Davis Industries .380-caliber handgun at the time of the crack cocaine conspiracy on Nov. 3, 2004.

Under federal law, each of the co-defendants may be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in federal prison without parole, up to life in prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$4 million.

The co-defendants were originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Nov. 16, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Catherine Connelly. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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